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With the staff-level agreement has been finalised with IMF regarding restarting the suspended \$ 6 bn loan, the government could be seen searching for options to reduce the debt stock on the energy sector.

One such scheme, proposed by, advisor on finance, Shaukat Tareen, is to denounce the dividends of the stakeholders in the high paying companies in the energy sector, of which the government is also a large stakeholder. The money received by this scheme would be used to adjust against the debt the government owes to these companies.

This option would be fruitful or not, do not know, but according to Shaukat Tareen this would reduce the log₁₀ debt by Rs 300- Rs 400 bn.

Will the government be able to pull this off? The tax talks are still going between the ministers. This is not the first step to opt for an option for reducing the circular debt. Many were proposed but none ended up to the aimed extent.